

Clinical Laboratory Personnel Committee
November 02, 2019 – 10:00 AM
Law Offices of Adams and Reese
Baton Rouge LA

Members Present: Gaye Brunson, Chair; Yolanda Bennett; Larry Broussard; Angela Foley; Jessica Lassiter; Shannon Skena; Ashley Ware; Michele Werner.

Guests Present: Justin Jack (Adams and Reese); Patsy Jarreau, AD, CLPC; Alexa Little (CLIA); Cary Koch (AAB attorney); Paula Pigford (LSBME); Phyllis Toups, LSCLS member; Dr. Vincent Culotta, LSBME Executive Director.

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at approximately 10:07 AM by Chair Brunson. A quorum was present.

II. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Motion to approve minutes of the July 20, 2019 meeting was made by Larry Broussard and seconded by Yolanda Bennett. Motion passed unanimously

III. Introductions

Each committee member and visitor introduced himself/herself and stated their position on the committee.

Mr. Grant Guillott (Adams and Reese) introduced Mr. Justin Jack(Adams and Reese) who is replacing Ms. Kimberly Ulasiewicz Boudreaux as attorney to the CLPC.

IV. Appointments

Two newly appointed members were welcomed to the committee, Jessica Lassiter, CLS Educator position (replacing George Roberts) and Michele Werner, CLS Supervisor position (replacing Cheryl Caskey).

Dr. Richard Bridges has accepted the Rural Family Practitioner position and will be invited to the next meeting.

CLS-Technician member, Mary Kingrey Pelegrin, could not be reached by Dr. Culotta. A motion was made authorizing Dr. Culotta to send a letter advising her that he will accept her resignation from the committee; if she wishes to remain on the committee, she must attend our next meeting or she will be replaced.

Motion by Ashley Ware

Second by Jessica Lassiter

Motion passed unanimously

V. Office Update

Ms. Jarreau and Dr. Culotta reminded committee members that the LSBME Board minutes are available on the LSBME website and should be reviewed prior to each CLPC meeting for any items relevant to CLP.

There is new software which requires all users to register when renewing. One must enter a valid email address and password when registering and renewing.

When using CE broker, licensees must use the same name for both renewal and CE certification.

VI. Rules revision task force

Task force did not meet due to Dr. Culotta having surgery. Dr. Culotta will schedule a meeting before next CLPC meeting. Individuals assigned to this task force at our last meeting are Dr. Culotta, Gaye Brunson, Cheryl Caskey, Angela Foley, Shannon Skena, Patsy Jarreau and Kimberly Boudreaux. There were no changes to the make-up of the committee.

VII. Budget

Budget was passed around for committee review. Contract for providing 12 hours/year of continuing education for all licensed laboratory personnel is in the process of being renewed. Patsy Jarreau's contract is also in the process of being renewed.

VIII. Code of Ethics

Paula Pigford requested that the CLPC develop a code of ethics for clinical laboratory personnel. A motion was made that the rules revision task force develop a code of ethics and submit it to the committee for review and adoption at our next meeting.

Motion by Shannon Skena
Second by Jessica Lassiter
Motion passed unanimously

IX. Skin Testing

Dr. Ogden and Patsy Jarreau spoke to the LSBME on the issue of skin testing. Skin testing is not in the scope of practice for laboratory personnel and skin testing is not considered a laboratory test by CLIA. Alexa Little (CLIA compliance officer) concurred. Patsy and Gaye will write a letter to the LSBME with documentation to this effect.

X. Licensure for Grossing Tissue Specimens (Histotechnologists, Histotechnicians)

In an email to Chair Brunson, Dr. Ogden said the LSBME will appoint a committee to discuss possible licensure for tissue dissection and if this licensing should fall under the purview of the LSBME.

XI. Licensure of Out-Of-State Lab Directors

No action taken

XII. List of CE providers

LSBME will no longer approve CE providers. Committee members reviewed a list of providers that will be sent to CE Broker. Some additions were made by committee members. A motion was made that Patsy Jarreau and Gaye Brunson review the list to verify that they are accredited CE providers.

Motion by Shannon Skena
Second by Michele Werner
Motion passed unanimously

Committee was asked by Patsy Jarreau to review the LSBME tutorial for new licensees which can be found on the LSBME website.

Discussion on how CE requirement should be prorated for those who renew during the calendar year. Committee decided to recommend to the LSBME that CE requirements be prorated on a monthly basis – 1 hour/month. This requirement will begin in 2021.

XIII. Executive Session

Ms. Pigford presented the following six (6) investigative reports to the CLPC for consideration:

- I. Case #2019-781
Action: Continue with application process.
2. Case #2019-735
Action: Close case with no violation after explanation is received; OK to license after application is complete
3. Case #2019-782
Action: Investigation to continue awaiting response

4. Case #2019-698
Action: 5 year probation to include 2 hours HIPPA training/year and 1 hour ethics training/year with recommendation to revoke license if another violation occurs.
5. Case #2019-390
Action: Recommend 1 year suspension; completion of new competency checklist when reapplying for licensure after suspension; 5 year probation after suspension.
6. Case #2019-713
Action: Passed on making a recommendation because DOTD regulations are not part of the scope of practice for CLP.

Motion by Jessica Lassiter to accept above actions from executive session
Second by Michele Werner
Motion passed unanimously

XIV. Other Business

Request by Mr. Koch for AAB that the CLPC meeting agenda be posted earlier than the 24 hour deadline required in the Public Meetings Law. A motion was made that a draft of the agenda items be posted when available earlier than 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Motion by Ashley Ware
No second

Motion failed with no second

XV. Proposed Meeting Dates for 2020

March 7
August 1
October 17

XVI. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Jessica Lassiter
Second by Michele Werner
Motion approved unanimously
Meeting adjourned at 12:57